

REMARKS

Initially, Applicant thanks the Patent Office for indicating that claims 4-5 contain allowable subject matter.

Claims 1 and 2 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Berger et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,165,592) (hereinafter "Berger"). Claim 3 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Berger in view of Katagiri (U.S. Patent No. 6,074,739). Claims 1-3 have been canceled. Accordingly, the rejection of these claims are moot and should be withdrawn.

Allowed claims 4 and 5 are the only claims remaining in the present application. Applicant submits that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and favorable action are earnestly requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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